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## Glen Canyon News Release

## **Missing Plane Located**

Page, Ariz. – At 10:17 p.m. on April 6th, National Park Service dispatch received a report of a missing plane in the Bullfrog area of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the plane had taken off earlier in the day from Durango, Colorado and failed to return as scheduled. Immediate attempts to locate the plane at known landing strips proved unsuccessful.

On the morning of April 7th, a tour plane reported sighting the plane and pilot on a sandbar in Zahn Bay on the San Juan River. Classic Helicopter out of Page, Arizona was then dispatched and picked up the uninjured pilot.

The pilot indicated an emergency landing was made due to equipment failure. The pilot also stated that after an initial attempt to walk out, he returned to the plane and manually activated the Emergency Locating Transmitter.

The National Park Service and San Juan County Sheriff's Office are working together to complete an investigation of this incident.

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